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amendments to LB 573.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The question is the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 573. Those in favor say aye. Those opposed nay. The amendments are agreed to.

CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to amend. (AM1306, Legislative Journal page 1495.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler, you're recognized on AM1306 to LB 573.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, to refresh your memory, this is the bill that would allow the possession and administration of a euthanasizing drug by an animal welfare organization or an animal control authority. I think we combined that into one definition by earlier amendment. And you may recall that this is done under an agreement with a veterinarian. And under that agreement, once it's entered into, the veterinarian no longer has any liability for the use or misuse of those particular controlled substances. What the amendment would do, with the agreement of Senator Landis, I believe, is to simply say that no animal welfare organization shall accept a controlled substance under this particular agreement unless it has, in effect, third party liability insurance covering damages resulting from the improper handling or control of controlled substances, so that it seeks to put liability in a class of people. There was some objection on...in the initial debate that that class of organizations may not be the type that would be cognizant of or careful about insurance. This amendment is designed to cause them to look into and to have insurance and to protect third parties since they will not, otherwise, be protected. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. On the Beutler amendment, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: I would accept the Beutler amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Landis. Seeing no other lights, Senator Beutler waives closing. The question before us is the adoption of AM1306 to LB 573. Those in favor vote yes,